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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comparison of ORR, DIA, and ONI Publications
Concerning Naval Systems, Ships, and
International Shipping

REFERENCE : ADDI Memo to Acting D/ORR, 28 February 1967,
Requesting Information for Reply to Admiral
Taylor

1. Attached are lists of reports on the subject topics produced by ORR, DIA and ONI in 1966 and the first two months of 1967. All of the entries in the ORR list are annotated; items on the DIA and ONI lists that duplicate or appear to duplicate reports on the ORR list are also annotated.

2. As the lists show, there is comparatively little overlap in Department of Defense (DIA and ONI) and ORR production of finished intelligence on naval systems, ships, and international shipping. Broadly speaking, ORR tends to integrate the economic and military factors that bear on shipbuilding programs, the evolution of naval forces, and the pattern of international shipping. DIA and ONI tend to focus on operational developments, and on intelligence needed to meet departmental requirements.

3. Some overlap occurs, particularly in the military logistics field, but such overlap is often more apparent than real because of a marked difference in the emphasis of the work. Most of the work done by DIA and ONI in the area of overlap appears in current intelligence publications, such as the DIA Intelligence Bulletin and Intelligence Summary, and the ONI Special Intelligence Bulletin. Duplication occurs most frequently in areas critical to national security such as North Vietnam. This duplication is actually useful, for it generates a variety of ideas and interpretation that makes for a better intelligence product. Some duplication also is necessary to carry out departmental intelligence functions.

DIA and Navy review(s)
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4. Unnecessary duplication is minimized by the activities of the KIC Subcommittee on Shipbuilding. Monthly meetings, attended by about 40 Naval officers and civilian analysts from CIA, DIA, NPIC, [REDACTED] ONI, STIC, and NSA, provide a regular all-source forum for an exchange of views and a discussion of current projects on economic, military, and technical aspects of naval and merchant shipbuilding of the USSR, Communist China, and the Eastern European Communist countries. Most of the work of the member agencies that falls in the area of overlap on these subjects is first discussed at the meetings of the Subcommittee, both to avoid duplication of effort and to ascertain that the latest information in the community is fully exploited.

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5. There is considerable interchange between ORR and Department of Defense intelligence analysts. DIA analysts telephone ORR almost daily for information on cargoes, and both DIA and ONI analysts rely on the cargo information in ORR reports on shipping to North Vietnam and Cuba for briefing the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The first ORR report on shipping to Cambodia was produced at the request of General Wallace Greene, Commandant of the Marine Corps. ORR relies on ONI for some data on fleet inventories, chartering, and the movement of ships in certain geographic areas.

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